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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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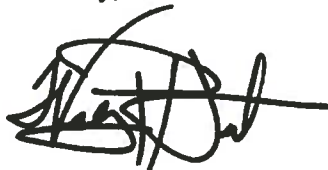
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star Mentoring – Greater Houston in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star, located at 450 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 300, Irving, Texas 75062. The funding would be used for evidence-based, outcomes-achieving one-to-one mentoring for at-risk youth in the Greater Houston area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will have a tangible public safety benefit, consistent with the intent of Byrne Justice Assistant Grants outlined in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. Specifically, research has shown that youth mentored through Big Brothers Big Sisters are 54% less likely to have been arrested and 41% less likely to have engaged in substance abuse.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Wesley P. Hunt
Member of Congress